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BIRTH.

On the 22nd October, at South Face, Beacon Hill Tunnel, the wife of FREDERICK SOUTHAM, A.M.I.C.E., of a daughter. [1480]

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The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, OCTOBER 26TH, 1908.

JOURNALISM in China is yet in its youthful days, and is characterised by the indiscretions of youth. In all countries the early days of journalism have produced a crop of news-sheets disfigured by scurrility and obscenity, not to mention a disregard of veracity. It was the case in Japan, and it is so in China. There are, of course, notable exceptions but, on the whole, it is generally admitted that Chinese newspapers leave much to be desired in the way of improvement. The Chinese Government long ago recognised that the Press in China had become a factor to be reckoned with in the life of the people. Its influence, either for good or evil, is destined to grow. Press Laws may serve to check many of the extravagances of inexperience, but the Government has been persuaded that something more is necessary. The "Model Newspaper" is wanted for general emulation. It has been found, it appears, at Shanghai, not among the old-established and popular Chinese newspapers published at that port, but the honour has been claimed for a new production conducted by "an official wearing the button of the third rank," in association with Dr. FERGUSON, an American citizen in the employ of the Chinese Government. The former is Secretary to the Bureau of Foreign Affairs in Shanghai, and the latter is attached to the Bureau as an Adviser. Dr. FERGUSON was formerly in the service of the American-China Development Company at Canton, and subsequently became Adviser to H.E. SHENG KUNG PAO, Director of Railways in Shanghai. The memorial recommending the subsidising of their newspaper

as a national organ, informed the Throne that the tone of the Press in many places in China is generally vicious; their comments unjust and illogical, and therefore calculated to pervert the minds of the merchants and students and to check progress and prosperity. But the recent addition to Chinese journalism is eulogised for having published articles which are reasonable and just; for having given clear and impartial accounts of occurrences in connection with the rebellion in Yunnan whereby it was manifest that the conductors of the newspaper were "sincerely desirous of doing good to China and assisting the Chinese people."

It would be strange indeed if these were not the motives animating the conductors of all other Chinese papers, but we presume the new Shanghai paper strives after China's benefit in a way that specially commends it to the influential friends of the promoters. It has been recommended to the Throne by the Minister for the Southern Provinces as a desirable national organ, and the memorial to the Throne, which has been approved, suggested that each province should be commended to subscribe for at least one hundred copies, the subscriptions to be paid out of the Provincial Treasuries, quarterly in advance. The ostensible object in thus subsidising a newspaper can be approved, but it is impossible that much good can result to anybody but the proprietors of the newspaper who have obtained a subsidy which should amount at the lowest estimate to 20,000 taels a year. One hundred copies in each of the Eighteen Provinces gives but eighteen hundred copies among a population commonly estimated at four hundred million. One can hardly suppose that any person associated with this scheme seriously believed that the minds of the "merchants and students" could be saved from corruptive influences by such a plan as this. In truth the idea of an influential national organ is at present impracticable in China, notably on account of the lack of rapid communications. If it were seriously intended to compete against the pernicious influence of other journals, the promoters of a national organ would not fix the annual subscription rates far above the rates commonly charged for Chinese newspapers in the provinces. In the present case the annual subscription has been fixed at \$28, which is five or six times the amount commonly charged by Chinese newspapers in the Southern Provinces of China, so that the sale of the paper is likely to be strictly confined to the subscriptions taken at the cost of the Provincial Treasuries. The average Chinese man would have no delusions about this matter. He, like every one else, can see that the paper cannot possibly exert the influence professedly expected of it in the Memorial to the Throne. The local press in the provinces will have influenced public opinion long before the corrective arrives from Shanghai, and so among the Chinese the scheme will generally be set down as an ingenious subterfuge to obtain a sort of State pension for the proprietors of the new journal who have the support of the reactionary Tsoai of Shanghai and H. E. TUAN FA NG.

The troopship "Soudan" arrived here yesterday.

The French cruiser "Alger" arrived here on Saturday afternoon. The usual salutes were fired.

Sir Francis Pigott, the Chief Justice, has returned from his holiday in Japan.

Major-General Broadwood, the General Officer Commanding the Troops in South China, returned to the Colony on Saturday from his tour of the scene of the war in Manchuria.

The T. K. K. "Tenyo Maru" left Shanghai at 7 p.m. on Wednesday the 21st inst., and arrived at Hongkong at 4.30 p.m. Friday the 23rd inst., making the trip in 4½ hours, or a speed of a trifle better than 18 miles an hour.

Count Hirokichi Mutsu, C.V.O., First Secretary of the Japanese Embassy in London, who acted as Chargé d'Affaires until the arrival of Mr. Y. Yamaza, the newly-appointed Counsellor, will continue to act in his former capacity and is not leaving England.

The British Squadron returned to Hongkong yesterday from its summer cruise in Northern waters. The squadron comprises the "King Alfred" (flagship of Admiral Lambton), the "Bedford" and "Kent." The "Astræ" was already in port. The cruisers go out to Mirs Bay for battle practice this week.

The marriage took place at Kobe, on October 10, of Mr. A. Whitworth Allen of the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank to Miss B. Lucas, youngest daughter of Mr. H. Lucas, one of Kobe's oldest residents. The bride is a sister of Mrs. Barton of Amoy, who was present at the wedding with her two children Mabel and Campbell.

Major-General Goro Shiba, who was received by the King at Balmoral upon relinquishing his appointment as Japanese Military Attaché in London, and invested with the insignia of a Knight Commander of the Royal Victorian Order, is leaving England shortly for Tokyo. He will travel via Siberia. Lieutenant-Colonel O. Higashi will, after his departure, perform the duties of Military Attaché.

Mr. J. Barton has been appointed by H. H. the Governor to represent the Hongkong Hockey Club on the Wongschoong and Queen's Recreation Grounds Committee, vice Mr. T. C. Gray, resigned.

The Hon. Treasurer of the Allee Memorial and Affiliated Hospitals begs to acknowledge, with thanks, the following donations to the funds of the Hospitals:-

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The orders of the day in to-morrow's meeting of the Sanitary Board include a report by the committee appointed to consider amendments to various bye-laws; and a return from the Building Authority relative to the houses in Victoria and Kowloon to be dealt with under section 175 of the Public Health and Buildings Ordinance. Bye-laws for the disinfection of infected premises will also be considered.

A military funeral took place at the Happy Valley on Saturday afternoon. Private John Haig, of the 3rd Middlesex Regiment, who died from abscess on the brain, being buried. The company of which he was a member turned out in full strength, accompanied by the band, and the coffin, enveloped in the Union Jack, was placed on a gun carriage. Three volleys were fired over the grave and the "Last Post" was sounded. Deceased was only 21 years of age.

A special meeting of the Sanitary Board was called on Saturday for the purpose of considering the question of declaring No. 5 shed, Sassoon's Villa, Pokfulam Road, to be infected with foot and mouth disease. There were present Mr. Mol. Messer, Mr. Shelton Hooper, Hon. Mr. Irving and Dr. Pearce. The report of the Veterinary Surgeon (Dr. Gibson) was read, stating that nine cattle were infected. On the motion of the President, seconded by Mr. Irving, No. 5 shed was declared infected premises.

THE FAREWELL DINNER TO ADMIRAL AND MRS. STOKES.

At the farewell dinner to Admiral and Mrs. Stokes at Government House, on Friday, His Excellency, in proposing their health, spoke as follows:-

Ladies and Gentlemen,—"I have as if you to dine to night as friends of Admiral and Mrs. Stokes, to bid them farewell. It was a bold thing to do, for I am well aware I shall incur the resentment of everyone who is not included to-night, for, I believe, there is no one in the Colony who does not claim to be their friend. Unfortunately the space at my disposal is limited, and I could only select the few to represent the many. It is a grievous thing to say farewell, and I am sure it is no less grievous to them than it is to us. In a long experience extending over nearly 20 years of administrative work, I have never met a man with whom it was a greater pleasure to do business than it has been with Admiral Stokes. Always courteous, always ready to do even more than was asked of him, always obliging, a man whose heart is too large to be capable of taking offence where none was meant. For my own part—and I think the Admiral will feel in this as I do—whenever the time has come for me to leave the sphere of work, whatever it might be, in which I was engaged I have always felt that I would far sooner know that I was leaving affection and regrets behind me, than a record of achievements however brilliant, mixed with a feeling of relief that I was going. That feeling of affection and regret is one which Admiral and Mrs. Stokes can be assured that they leave behind them when they say goodbye to Hongkong. And if I have spoken this of Admiral Stokes, what am I to say of the loss we are experiencing in losing Mrs. Stokes? Every class, from the humblest in this Colony, has learnt to rely on her ready sympathy, her kindness of heart, and her generosity. She will leave a gap amongst us which it will indeed be hard to fill. But we shall know that though she has left us, she is a friend who will not forget friendships once formed, and we shall hope that in the future we may meet again in Old England. It is the custom on occasions such as this to pay adulatory, and sometimes fulsome, compliments, and to deal in indiscriminate praise, and it is a custom I detect. If I have seemed to use some superlatives it is because I feel them, and I am confident that I am expressing the feelings of everyone at this table. I will add for the relief of the Admiral that we do not expect any speech from him in reply to the few remarks I have made in introducing the toast which I am about to propose to you. Ladies and Gentlemen, I ask you to drink with me the health of Admiral and Mrs. Stokes, and to wish them success and happiness wherever they are and in whatever sphere they may be called upon to fill. ADMIRAL STOKES then briefly thanked His Excellency for the kind terms he had used towards them, and the guests for the toast with which they had honoured them.

CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY.

TRANS-CONTINENTAL SERVICE.

Recent cable advices received from the Headquarters of the Company announce the continuation of the double daily train service of the Canadian Pacific Railway Co. between Vancouver and Montreal. East and Westbound the Company will despatch two superbly equipped trains daily maintaining their present fast schedule with further notice. This train will be of interest and moment to those returning home by the Canadian Pacific route, the double service enabling the traveller to pass through the magnificent Rocky Mountain scenery by daylight and making the matter of stopovers at Vancouver and other points "en route" one of great convenience. Particulars of this train service may, we understand, be obtained from the agents of the Company in the Orient.

TELEGRAMS.

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THE AMERICAN FLEET.

DEPARTURE FROM JAPAN.

Tokyo, October 25th.

The American Fleet departed today.

The First Squadron to leave proceed to Manila, and the Squadron which goes to Amoy left shortly afterwards.

During the week there has been a continued round of pleasure for the officers and men who have been inexpressibly gratified.

After the departure of the Fleet the Mayor of Tokyo sent a wireless message to Admiral Sperry conveying the congratulations of the people upon the success of the visit and wishing the Fleet bon voyage.

The visit will long be remembered by the Americans as being essentially a people's welcome.

THE RECENT REGRETTABLE INCIDENT IN KOREA.

Tokyo, October 25th

The Resident General of Korea (Prince Ito) has granted compensation to the extent of one thousand yen for each family bereaved by the recent shooting incident in Korea when several pilgrims who were mistaken for insurgents were killed by a Japanese patrol.

INTERPORT TENNIS.

SHANGHAI, October 25th.

Hongkong won in both Tennis matches.

In the singles Carr beat Saunders 6-4, 7-5, 7-5.

In the doubles C. A. Carr and Capt. Beasley beat Wheeler and Fearon 4-6, 6-2, 7-5, 6-1.

[REUTERS' SERVICE.]

MONTENEGRO.

LONDON, October 22nd.

A warlike demonstration has occurred at Cetinje where two of the daughters of Prince Nicholas headed a procession with banners waving, and the singing of war songs.

The Austro-Hungarian Legation is guarded.

THE FRENCH MINISTER OF MARINE.

LONDON, October 22nd.

M. Alfred Picard, a civil engineer, and quite outside naval circles, has been appointed French Minister of Marine.

BULGARIA AND TURKEY.

LONDON, October 22nd.

The interview of the Bulgarian envoys with the Grand Vizier was of the most satisfactory nature, and an amicable understanding is practically assured.

THE EUROPEAN SITUATION.

LONDON, October 23rd.

Turco-Bulgarian negotiations are at a deadlock owing to the Turks insisting on Bulgaria capitalizing the Eastern Rumelian tribute, which Bulgaria declines to do.

Sir Edward Grey, in the House of Commons, said that the approval of Turkey was necessary to any programme to be submitted to the proposed European conference.

The Bulgarian Envoys, who are returning to Sofia, have arrived at no agreement as to the tribute to be paid to Turkey, but it has been arranged that a Turco-Bulgarian commission shall settle the railway difficulty. Turkey estimates the amount due from Bulgaria owing to the lapse of tribute at ten millions sterling.

Negotiations between Austria and Turkey are at a standstill. The latter desires the sanction of Europe to the annexation of Bosnia, while Austria wants a settlement direct.

HUMPHREYS ESTATE AND FINANCE COMPANY.

An extraordinary general meeting of shareholders in the above company was called for Saturday at noon in order to confirm a resolution passed at a previous meeting. There were present Messrs H. Humphreys (chairman), J. A. C. Bonnar, J. S. Van Buren, Hon. Mr. H. A. W. Slade, Dr. Noble (directors), Messrs. J. A. Jupp, E. Bath (secretary), C. B. Bayers, D. E. Clark, and J. M. Wong. There was not a quorum and the meeting was adjourned until Saturday next.

RANDOM REFLECTIONS.

Poor Hongkong! another reverse. Fate has been unkind to Hongkong in interport sport this year. Our men failed in shooting and now our chosen eleven have been badly beaten by Shanghai at cricket. Another defeat would be too cruel a blow to our pride, Carr and Beasley, happily, are returning with the laurels of victory in the Tennis matches.

What must the visitor think who enters an office during these days and sees one or two young men dressed in khaki bending over desks or occupied in some other manner. He most likely concludes that the military element is very pronounced. Of course, if he were well informed he would know that the Volunteers are in camp just now, and that there are enthusiasts who pride themselves on not getting out of uniform even when they come to Hongkong to business. That's the material the movement wants. Good luck to them, say I.

Talking about soldiers, ahem! reminds me that a detachment of the Cameron Highlanders are here just now, and, needless to say, the sight of their tartan gladdens the Scottish heart. It has always struck me as being very peculiar why the wearing of the kilt in Scotland is one of those rules which is more honoured in the breach—I had almost said brooches—than in the observance. Nobody nowadays wears "the garb of old Gael" in Scotland except soldiers and a few cockney tourists. Why, when a Scot clothes himself in the more or less hideous garments of the present day, should he be content to have himself represented as killed and bare-kneed? There is no need for it. Bag pation. I couldn't help it, the temptation was so strong.

These are the dog days, the days given over at home to the big gooseberry, the mammoth potato, or the sea serpent. That is where the British journals have an advantage over the Hongkong Press. No obliging fisherman or yachtsman or sea-going man comes to the assistance of the pressman with stories of having seen the sea serpent and helps him to fill a column or two with a glowing description of the scaly monster or a thrilling narrative of how narrowly he escaped the jaws of the dreaded serpent. Nobody sees sea serpents here. They only see—No, I won't mention it.

Yes, the times are dull, and, as our American friends say, there is "nothin' doing." The Legislative Council has finished its sittings. Scarcely a gleam of brightness comes from the courts, and our only hope is the Sanitary Board, sometimes it fails us. But I think Mr. Hooper might make another effort. When he was at the Magistracy recently he must have been very hurried and excited or he would have noticed that the courts were not in such perfect order as they might be. He has given the Government a shaking up over the Supreme Court. Couldn't he "point a moral and adorn a tale" again?

What a diversion we are going to have by and bye. The Y.M.C.A. announces a social evening, the feature of which will be that "all who attend are invited to provide themselves with some distinguishing mark or device which represents the title of some song, and opportunity will be given during the earlier part of the evening for this titles to be guessed. The Social Committee have arranged to present small prizes to the lady and gentleman who secure the highest number of correct guesses." I suppose the bald-headed man will represent "A little bit off the top," the elderly spinster will endeavour to expound "Bid me to love," and the disconsolate grass widow will indicate that "My love has gone a-sailing."

Our sympathies must go out to the young Britisher who advertises his wish to make the acquaintance of a Chinese or Eurasian lady with a view to matrimony. He is only twenty-four but still he yearns for his affinity—Chinese or Eurasian—and apparently won't be happy till he gets her. He is particular too. Roman Catholics and triflers need not apply. How unkind! Roman Catholics, I am sure, don't trifle with matrimony. The gentleman veils his identity under the name of "Caledonia." I suppose triflers would make Caledonia stern and wild. I wish him no ill but I hope he gets his deserts.

When the Highland regiments went up to North China it was reported that the natives dropped the phrase "no savvy" and adopted "I dinna ken." With similar adaptability the people of Amoy, I am told, are practising a nasal pronunciation and garnishing their speech with such phrases as "waa, I reckon," "that's rather slick," and so on. Some of them have even acquired facility in telling the story "Do you know what the Governor of North Carolina said to the Governor of South Carolina?" "No." "It's a long time 'twixt drinks."

By the way, I notice that "The Chronicle and Directory" says that Amoy is considered even for China to be very dirty, and its inhabitants are unusually squalid in their habits. That is not very comforting to the American visitors, but, doubtless, the warmth of the welcome will make the offence to their noses less pronounced.

A fortnight ago I passed some comment on the clause in the Volunteer Camp orders with reference to permits for servants. I see the subject has been attracting some attention in India, and a Calcutta paper has the following: "The recent orders issued by commanding officers of the various Volunteer units in Calcutta forbidding members on any pretext to allow their native servants and coolies to handle their arms and accoutrements will be received with very wide interest in this country. Commendable as is the action of the authorities in this matter, it is a matter for

regret that such a step should not have been taken at an earlier date. Nowhere in the history of volunteering, we think, has this omission been so keenly felt as in India, and in no part of the Empire are Volunteers indulged so much as in this country. As one of the Orders says, "it is almost undesirable to see a Volunteer walking to parade or to the rifle range with a servant following in the rear carrying his rifle and it adds that 'any servant found carrying a rifle is liable to be arrested under the Arms Act.' We wish this last clause had been added to every Volunteer Order, and a further sub-clause as follows: 'Any member failing to comply with this order is liable to a fine or court martial.'"

Hongkong Volunteers were never quite so bad as that, but a few pampered individuals avail themselves of the opportunities given for indulgence. Wouldn't it be well to discontinue the system of allowing Volunteers to have servants in camp, and let each man play the game?

ROBERT RANDOM.

CANTON.

[FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.]

October 23rd.

A MATTER FOR CONSIDERATION. According to Treaty Regulations any foreign merchant in China, desiring to convey native produce purchased inland to a Treaty Port for exportation to foreign ports or countries, is required to pay half-duty for transit of the goods to the Treaty Port in addition to the export duty.

In order to obtain these outward transit passes from the Customs Bureau the foreign merchant is required to furnish a bond to the I.M. Customs for six times the amount of duty on the goods intended to be exported and undertake not to dispose of the goods, or any portion, en-route to its destination or at the Treaty Port under the penalty of being fined six times the amount of the duty chargeable on them. The merchant is also liable to the same fine if the goods are not exported or if the unused transit passes are not returned for cancellation to the I.M. Customs at the expiration of six months. These transit passes are obtained from the Customs Bureau by merchants through their Consuls. The Bureau forwards the passes to the Commissioner of Customs, who, on receipt of them, notifies the Consul who then informs the merchant that the passes have been granted and he will proceed to the Consulate to execute the bond which he then delivers to the I.M. Customs in exchange for the passes and signs a receipt for them.

I do not know whether other foreign Consuls charge their merchants any fees for obtaining the transit passes or not, but at the British Consulate a fee of three shillings is charged for every transit pass issued to British merchants.

Owing to the keen competition in the West River steamship trade the newly-established Chinese steamship companies in Wuchow have recently obtained privileges for their Chinese clients (shippers) to obtain outward transit passes from the Customs authorities there. They are not required to sign the usual bonds, but, on deposit of 300 taels, are allowed to obtain 2,007 passes and for 500 taels they may obtain any number of passes above that amount. The passes are obtained direct from the Customs authorities and no charges are made for obtaining them and there is no delay in issuing them. These privileges have hitherto been denied to Chinese merchants and a precedent has now been established. This will naturally throw all the trade into the hands of Chinese steamship concerns.

THE IMMIGRATION OF CHINESE INTO CANADA.

Recently, H. H. the Viceroy received a dispatch from the Wai-wu-pu stating that the Canadian Government had informed the Central Government that the immigration law of the Dominion had been amended and that all Chinese students who proposed to Canada in future for education purposes must possess a knowledge of the English language and have a high school education, otherwise they will have to pay the usual immigration tax of \$500. When the Wai-wu-pu was informed of the matter they considered the amended law might impair the friendly relations which have hitherto existed between the people of the two countries. They accordingly telegraphed to the Chinese Minister in London requesting him to communicate with the British Government on the subject. The British Government replied that the former Canadian Immigration law distinctly laid down that all Chinese students who go to Canada to acquire an education must enter one of the local schools for at least one year before they are permitted to travel to any other places in Canada; failure to comply with the law made them liable to the poll tax. Of late years numerous Chinese labourers, taking advantage of that law, falsely declared themselves students and would enter into one of the schools for a short period solely to avoid paying the immigration tax and afterwards travel to some other place and become labourers. If stringent laws are not enforced to guard against such people it would be impossible to discriminate between Chinese labourers and students entering Canada.

The Chinese Minister in London telegraphed this information to the Wai-wu-pu and requested compliance with the request of the Canadian Government.

His Excellency Viceroy Chang, on receipt of the above dispatch, instructed the Literary Chancellor of the Kwangtung Province to place the matter on official record and issue notices to that effect.

Mr. John Jackson, F.R.G.S., intended to sail from London on the 30th ult. for a six months' tour of the Far East. He hopes to visit several of the principal foreign settlements in India, and Japan, as well as Malakal, the scene of Father Damien's labours. As organising secretary of the Mission to Leprosy, Mr. Jackson is especially interested in this subject, on which he has published several books.

LOCAL SPORT.

SATURDAY'S GYMKHANA.

The Hongkong Volunteer Troop and the Gymkhana Club were "at home" to their friends on the Polo ground on Saturday and royally they entertained them. The excellent music of the Middlesex Band, which played selections during the afternoon, was no more charming than the attention paid by the hosts of the afternoon to their guests. Although a trifle warm, better weather could not have been desired, and a large attendance had assembled before the arrival of His Excellency the Governor. Among others present were Sir Henry Berkeley, General Broadwood, Rear-Admiral and Mrs. Stokes, Sir Paul Chater and Colonel Darling. The lengthy programme of events, many of which afforded considerable amusement, was carried through without a hitch, and the events were kept well up to time. In the pony race to be ridden in pairs by ladies and gentlemen, a special prize was awarded Mrs. Gresson for the best descriptive name handed in for that event, which was the "Do be quick" race. Trooper Dupree carried off the handsome cup presented by Rear-Admiral and Mrs. Stokes for the member of the Troop who scored most marks in events confined to the Troop, Trooper Master getting second prize. The energetic officials responsible for the successful arrangements of the afternoon were: Judges: Captain Hart-Synnot, D.S.O., and Mr. J. A. Jupp.

Starter: Mr. H. P. White.
Committee: Messrs. C. H. Ross, C. H. Blason, W. S. Dupree, and E. F. C. Master, (Hon. Sec.).

Results of events follow:—

TEST PRIZE: BY HALF SECTIONS. Two runs for all competitors after which the judges will call for further runs, if necessary.

Trooper Dupree and Hickman ... 1
Lieut. Ross and Trooper Gedge ... 2
Trooper Dupree and Hickman ... 3

In this event points were given for carries, touches, speed and style, and some very good team pegging was witnessed, the winners giving an excellent display.

POLO BALL RACE. In pairs, alternate strokes, round a post and back through goal. All points, 1st and 2nd prizes presented by Gymkhana Club. Entrance fee \$1 each.

Mr. H. E. Large and Captain Davy 1
Mr. C. L. Maxwell and Captain Finlay 2
Lieut. Webb-Bowen and Captain Cunningham 3

LEMON CUTTING WITH SWORDS.—Start from the "Slope," "Boggy," "Assault," make out 1, 2, on the right, Slope Swards. Two runs for each competitor. Third run for those called for by judges.

Trooper Master, 18 points ... 1
Trooper Morton Smith, 14 points ... 2
Trooper Dupree, 13 points ... 3

In this event points were allowed for style, pace, allowing the lemon, and, in some instances, for a touch. Many of the competitors were successful in halving the first lemon, but nearly all failed in the back out at the second. Trooper Master's winning was a very neat one, and his aim was sure. With his pony going at a good pace he sliced both lemons, receiving an ovation from the spectators.

BUCKET AND APPLE RACE.—A number of tubs or buckets to be placed in a row, half filled with water, with an apple in each. Competitors to start dismounted with no saddle. Mount, ride over a hurdle to buckets and each endeavor to secure an apple with his mouth whilst holding his pony. Mount with apple in mouth ride back over hurdle. First past winning post with apple in his mouth wins. Any competitor touching the apple at any time with his hand or any part of his body except the mouth will be disqualified. Entrance fee \$1. First and second prizes presented by the Gymkhana Club. No second prize unless 5 starters.

Mr. R. F. C. Master ... 1

This event provoked considerable mirth, the competitors diving their heads into buckets of water, and making attempts to secure an apple in their mouths without the assistance of hands. Trooper Dupree was first home, but was disqualified for infringing the rules.

"LEOPONY" RACE.—Conditions:—Ride one pony and lead another, (both saddled) over a figure of eight course. Ponies may be led by either rider or head rope.

Trooper Dupree ... 1
Trooper Master ... 2
Trooper Morton Smith ... 3

Until the final lap in this event, Master headed the field. In the last turning, however, Dupree gained the lead, and retained it until the finish.

LADIES' NOMINATION.—Each Lady will be provided with a sash of coloured ribbon, a streamer of the same colour to be attached to a ring. All the rings to be hung so that each one can be taken separately. Nominees will start at about 100 yards distance and tilt at them and endeavor to take off the ring bearing their respective nominees' colours. First past winning post carrying ring to win. The streamer on ring carried. Two prizes, presented by the Gymkhana Club. Entrance fee \$1.

Mr. J. Paterson, nominated by Mrs. Carter ... 1
Captain Cunningham, nominated by Mrs. Glover ... 2

In this event most of the knights who tilted at the ring must have been out of practice, for only two out of the nine competitors were successful in securing their rings; the others fell to the ground, and the ladies who were unfortunate enough to have nominees of the same colour as attached to these rings waited in vain.

VICTORIA CROSS RACE.—Conditions:—Single entries. Dismounted representing wounded men will be placed on the ground at a point indicated. Troopers to gallop up to their dummies under fire, lift same on to their saddles and return to winning post.

Trooper Potts ... 1
Trooper Maxwell ... 2
Trooper Dupree ... 3
Trooper Hall ... D.H.

"Good old Potts," the Volunteer Troop shouted as with one voice when Trooper Potts stepped from the ranks to receive from Mrs. Stokes the Victoria Cross prize for valor. The Trooper mentioned was the hero of the day. First into the firing line, composed of two immense strings of crackers and a small cannon which "turned turtle" every time it was discharged, the gallant trooper while clinging tight to the rein of his frightened steed, succeeded in lifting the inert body of a supposed comrade on to the back of the restive animal, mounting himself, and galloping to safety and the first prize. As the smoke from the batteries cleared away, Troopers Maxwell, Dupree and Hall were seen racing for second place and they passed the winning post as stated above.

HAR RACE.—Competitors to ride over a hurdle to point where their helmets will be placed on the ground, pick up helmet without dismounting, ride on over a hurdle to winning post. First past winning post with helmet on head to win. First and second prizes presented by Gymkhana Club. Entrance fee \$1.

Mr. H. Morris ... 1
Mr. Dupree ... 2
Captain Brinsley ... 3

The quietness or restiveness of the pony was a factor contributing for or against success in this race. Some of the animals, by standing quiet, enabled their riders to secure the helmets without trouble, while others became restive as soon as they were taken alongside the headpieces. Mr. Gedge was most unfortunate in this respect. One of the first in the race to the helmets, he was still striving to raise his from the ground without dismounting when the rest of the field had finished, but eventually gave it up.

LADIES' NOMINATION RACE. Troopers to be nominated by a lady. Ladies to line up in front of Grand Stand. Start from a point indicated, ride up to a tethering post, take head rope, remove bridle, and tie up pony to post. With bridle on your arm, run up to lady and hand her your pony with all harness and chain straps unhooked. Lady to put in buttons and fix on straps, and assist her partner to put on his tunic, which must be properly buttoned up, etc., as if for a parade. Return to pony unhitch from post, put on bridle, tie up head rope, mount and ride past winning post.

Trooper Master, nominated by Mrs. Mackay 1
Lieut. Ross, nominated by Mrs. Stokes ... 2
Trooper Morris, nominated by Miss Newall ... 3

This was one of those cases in which the proverb "Most haste, least speed" is proved to be a true one. Fingers that would probably be nimble in sewing a button on a coat at home seemed, somehow, to be exceptionally awkward in fastening buttons on troopers' tunics. In fact, so long were the ladies in fulfilling their share in this event that even the ponies grew restless. But it would not be gallant to say more, so readers will allow for the natural nervousness of the weaker sex in public—excluding the sufferage, of course—and congratulate the winners.

TAK "DO BE QUICK" RACE. DISTANCE ABOUT 1 MILE. FOR CHINA PONIES. For ladies and gentlemen to be entered in pairs. Pairs must pass winning post together to qualify for a win. In the event of more than 6 couples entering, a third prize will be given. A prize will be awarded to best descriptive name for this race to be sent in with entries. First and second prizes presented by Gymkhana Club. Entrance fee \$1 each.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee ... 1
Mr. Master and Miss Minter ... 2
Mr. Gedge and Mrs. Frennall ... 3

It is not often that the fair equestrienne is seen taking part in any public event in Hongkong; consequently this race was looked forward to with interest. Mr. and Mrs. Lee took the lead at the start, and held it. Mr. Master tried hard to draw his partner to the front, but the lady kept too tight a rein on her pony. The pairs passed the grandstand in very level order, however, and were cheered lustily by the spectators. In this event Mrs. Gresson was awarded the prize for the best descriptive name given the race.

ALPHA AND OMEGA RACE.—For China ponies. Competitors to be drawn in starting post, where they will dismount and the two riders in each pair will change ponies with each other. All will then race for the winning post. Two prizes will be given—one for the first rider in, and the other to go to the owner of the pony last in. Should the owner of the last pony and first rider in be identical he will be awarded one prize only for last pony but one. The other prize to go to owner of last pony but one.

All ponies must, in opinion of the judges, be ridden to best advantage, i.e., to come in first. Entrance fee \$1. 1st and 2nd prizes presented by the Gymkhana Club.

Mr. Master ... 1
Mr. Dupree ... 2

Mr. Hickman was first home in this race, but was disqualified for missing a flag.

BALACLAVA MELEE.—Conditions:—To be completed for by half the troop versus the other half. Leaders will be selected and they will select the teams by lot. No spurs allowed. Competitors will be provided with dummy swords and cockades half the troop blue, the other half red. Opponents' ponies may not be hit, competitors must keep within boundaries marked A B C D and retire at once when cockade is knocked off.

Won by Corporal Blason's team, composed of Troopers Daniel, Hall, Hickman, Maxwell, Moon, Walker, Dupree, Morrell, Morris and Cunningham.

The losing team, Trooper Gedge's, was composed of Lieut. C. H. Ross and Troopers Potts, Smith, Stewart, McIlraith, M'ray, Master, F. C. Hall, Weston, Paterson and King.

The sun was just setting when this battle started. Corporal Blason's team then lacking two staunch supporters. The men of the blue cockade (Trooper Gedge's team) charged en masse, while the upholders of the red cockade advanced in open order and quickly surrounded the blue.

It was a most interesting and a most successful one, and it was astonishing to the onlookers to see how many times a Britisher can be killed before he is willing to give up the ghost. After a hard fought fight three of Corporal Blason's men still retained their red cockades, and the Corporal's team were adjudged the winners.

When the Gymkhana concluded Mrs. STOKES, who was presented by Trooper Dupree with a pretty bouquet, presented the prizes.

On completion of her task Lieutenant Ross called for three cheers for Mrs. Stokes. These were given, and supplemented by a "figer," which concluded the proceedings.

A BOXING FIASCO.

Seldom have sportsmen been more disappointed than the little band which assembled at the City Hall on Saturday night to witness certain alleged boxing contests. In no newspaper had the entertainment been advertised, the management probably thinking that a few posters pasted indiscriminately about town would draw a house. But it was gravely mistaken, and because the greater number of seats in the City Hall were vacant the fights announced did not take place. Instead, those who paid their dollars were treated to a few sparring matches, and given ample time during many intervals to reflect on their folly in thus wasting a night.

It must not be understood, however, that any blame for Saturday night's fiasco attaches to the men taking part. Most of them have before displayed their quality, and will probably do so again; but on Saturday night they wanted "money up" before they took the ring, and in the principal event it was not forthcoming. Apparently the management promoted the entertainment with closed eyes, for they had even overlooked the appointment of two absolutely necessary persons, a referee and a timekeeper. Through the courtesy of Messrs. A. Parker and S. Kelly, however, these positions were filled, and the first bout of the evening opened.

This was a six round spar between Coyne of the Naval Yard and Le Mond of the U.S.S. "Villalobos." The American was a much heavier man than his opponent, but was not more versed in ringcraft. The referee's decision was announced that Coyne and Le Mond would meet in a fifteen round match on November 5th.

Another amusing spar followed between "Kid" Marriott of the Naval Yard and Fletcher of the U.S.S. "Callao." Although the Naval Yard boy made the event more of a circus display than a fight, he showed that he was far too clever for the man pitted against him. A decision was given in favour of Marriott who issued a challenge to meet anyone in the Colony between 8th and 10th Sts.

Next came a catch-as-catch-can wrestling match between Corporal Green and Private Baker, both of the Middlesex Regiment. This ended in a win for Baker who laid his opponent on his back in one minute in the first attempt, and three minutes in the second.

Then the principals of the evening Anderson of the Middlesex Regiment and O'Reefe of the Kowloon Torpedo depot, gave a three round exhibition spar. It was a willing go, and there can be no doubt that those present would have seen an event worth watching, if the fight between these gladiators had taken place.

CRICKET.

H.K.C.C. V. 105TH M.B.R.

This match was played on the ground of the Hongkong Cricket Club on Saturday, and resulted in an easy win for the home team by 84 runs and seven wickets. With a total score of 203 the civilian team's innings was declared closed. The principal contributors to this total were B. Hancock 83, H. E. Makin 58, A. P. Dushwood, not out, 38, and T. E. Pearce 32. The top scorer for the leavers was T. Ishikawa, who compiled 31 runs before skying one of R. Hancock's deliveries which was held by Pearce. Major Chitty added another 2 to the total, and Lieut. Richardson 19. R. Hancock proved the most successful bowler of the day, despatching five of the visitors for a total of 31 runs. Scores and analyses are:—

HONGKONG CRICKET CLUB.
B. Hancock, b. Ishikawa, 83 ... 68
T. E. Pearce, c. Chitty, b. Pearce, 32 ... 32
H. E. Makin, c. Richardson, b. Walker, 58 ... 58
A. P. Dushwood, not out, 38 ... 38
H. Hancock, retired hurt, 10 ... 10
E. H. Hinds, not out, 10 ... 10
Extras ... 14

Total ... 203

E. A. Fowler, J. H. Chalmers and E. Irving did not bat.

BOWLING ANALYSIS.
Babu Rane ... 10 ... 3 ... 22 ... 1
Major Chitty ... 5 ... 1 ... 24 ... 1
Sayed Sulman ... 5 ... 1 ... 24 ... 1
Jaffer Khan ... 3 ... 1 ... 15 ... 1
Lieut. Richardson ... 7 ... 1 ... 23 ... 1
Lakshmi Munda ... 7 ... 1 ... 23 ... 1
Captain Walker ... 7 ... 1 ... 23 ... 1

M.B.R. ...
Sayed Sulman, b. Makin, 31 ... 31
Lakshmi Munda, c. Pearce, 32 ... 32
Lieut. Richardson, not out, 38 ... 38
Babu Rane, b. Pearce, 5 ... 5
Major Chitty, b. Hancock, 19 ... 19
Lieut. Richardson, c. and b. Hancock, 12 ... 12
Lieut. Byrnes, not out, 10 ... 10
Captain Walker, b. Hancock, 10 ... 10
Lieut. Powell, c. and b. Fowler, 4 ... 4
Lieut. Weaver, b. Hancock, 4 ... 4
Jaffer Khan, not out, 8 ... 8
Extras ... 8

Total ... 109

BOWLING ANALYSIS.
T. E. Pearce ... 7 ... 1 ... 21 ... 1
H. E. Makin ... 3 ... 2 ... 44 ... 1
E. Hancock ... 3 ... 1 ... 5 ... 1
E. A. Fowler ... 3 ... 1 ... 5 ... 1

CHALGONGOWER V. TELEGRAPHS.

This league match was played on Saturday and resulted in a draw. When stumps were drawn the scores were Chalngower 127 runs for 7 wickets and Telegraphs 53 runs for 9 wickets.

If an extension of time had been granted Chalngower would in all probability have beaten well, their score being 50 and 42 respectively. For the Telegraphs the only double figures were 27 and 11 which were scored by Woods and Franklin, who saved their side by playing a stone walling game. Scores and analyses were:—

CHALGONGOWER.
L. E. Lashmore, c. Woods, b. Shields, 42 ... 42
B. Rane, c. Day, b. Woods, 3 ... 3
H. D. Dushwood, c. Beattie, b. Young, 0 ... 0
H. E. Makin, c. Young, 29 ... 29
G. A. Hancock, not out, 50 ... 50
M. E. Asger, c. Woods, b. Young, 4 ... 4
L. A. Rose, b. Woods, 13 ... 13
Extras ... 5

Total for 7 wickets ... 125

R. Peatoni, Dr. F. H. Kow and A. A. Carvallo did not bat.

BOWLING ANALYSIS.
Shields ... 10 ... 1 ... 35 ... 1
Day ... 9 ... 2 ... 39 ... 1
Young ... 10 ... 1 ... 39 ... 3
Woods ... 3 ... 3 ... 19 ... 2

TELEGRAPHS.
A. H. Young, b. Peatoni, 0 ... 0
R. B. Seattie, c. Peatoni, b. Lammer, 27 ... 27
J. D. Woods, not out, 0 ... 0
B. W. Day, c. Kew, b. Lammer, 2 ... 2
H. E. Colvin, b. Lammer, 0 ... 0
S. Lock, b. Lammer, 0 ... 0
C. E. Franklin, b. Henderson, 13 ... 13
A. H. Young, c. Rose, b. Henderson, 13 ... 13
H. G. Battiscombe, c. Asger, b. Henderson, 1 ... 1
A. S. Kempthorne, not out, 0 ... 0
W. E. Warburton, c. and b. Henderson, 0 ... 0
Extras ... 0

Total for 7 wickets ... 53

BOWLING ANALYSIS.
Peatoni ... 11 ... 4 ... 18 ... 1
Lammer ... 4 ... 2 ... 2 ... 1
Brawn ... 4 ... 2 ... 2 ... 1
Hancock ... 2 ... 2 ... 5 ... 3
Manderson ... 5 ... 3 ... 3 ... 4

CIVIL SERVICE V. MIDDLESEX SERGEANTS.

Played at Happy Valley on Saturday this match ended in a win for the Civil Service by 37 runs and three wickets. Barlow bowled well for the Civil Service, taking seven wickets for 19 runs. Scores and analyses follow:—

Harford, c. Sutton b. Barlow, 19 ... 19
Cowan, c. Burdett b. Barlow, 15 ... 15
Easton, c. and b. Barlow, 13 ... 13
Ashworth, b. Barlow, 0 ... 0
Doutch, b. Barlow, 6 ... 6
Howe, b. Barlow, 12 ... 12
Kerwell, b. Digby, 2 ... 2
Chapley, c. Barlow, 2 ... 2
Wright, c. Kow, b. Barlow, 8 ... 8
Munroe, not out, 0 ... 0
Blahoe, c. and b. Barlow, 0 ... 0
Extras ... 6

Total ... 65

BOWLING ANALYSIS.
Barlow ... 6 ... 0 ... 24 ... 0
MacKay ... 2 ... 0 ... 18 ... 0
Barlow ... 11 ... 1 ... 19 ... 7
Raven ... 3 ... 0 ... 16 ... 2
Digby ... 3 ... 0 ... 9 ... 1

C.C.C.
Raven, c. Cowan b. Howe, 24 ... 24
Sutton, b. Howe, 13 ... 13
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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

M.E.S.S.

THERE will be a VACANCY in a MESS at the Peak on the 15th November. Good House and Excellent Cook. Name in confidence to—
Care of "Daily Press" Office.
Hongkong, 26th October, 1908. 1484

WANTED.

TO SELL TWO JAPANESE POODLES, aged 9 months.
Apply—
Care of "Daily Press Office."
Hongkong, 26th October, 1908. 1481

THE DAIRY FARM COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE TWELFTH ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of Shareholders in the above Company will be held at the Company's Town Office, No. 2, Lower Albert Road, Hongkong, TO-MORROW (TUESDAY), the 27th October, 1908, at Noon, for the purpose of presenting the Report of the Directors and Statement of Accounts to 31st July, 1908.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 13th to the 27th October, 1908, both days inclusive.

By Order,
S. A. SETH, Secretary.

HONGKONG, 26th October, 1908. 1482

HUMPHREYS ESTATE & FINANCE COMPANY, LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an ADJ. URNED EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of Shareholders will be held at the Company's Office, Alexandra Buildings, Des Voeux Road Central, Hongkong, on SATURDAY, the 31st October, 1908, at Noon, when the subject of Resolution which was passed at a Meeting held on Thursday, the 8th October, will be submitted for Confirmation as a Special Resolution:—

"That Article No. 54, of the Articles of Association of the Company be cancelled, and the following Article substituted therefor:—Three Members personally present shall be a quorum for an Ordinary General Meeting. For all other Meetings the quorum shall be five."

"That Article No. 111, of the Articles of Association of the Company be altered by deleting the words 'the Governing Director or by two Directors' on the seventh line thereof and substituting 'the following words therefor:—The General Managers.'"

Dated this 26th day of October, 1908.
JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON, General Managers.

1483

INTIMATIONS

NOTICE.

WE HEREBY BEG TO GIVE NOTICE to the DEBTORS of the late Proprietors of the Connaught House Hotel that unless they settle their Debts on or before the 31st October, 1908, their Clothing and Trunks, &c., left in the said Hotel on or before the 25th September, 1908, will be sold by Auction or Private Sale.

LATE PROPRIETORS OF CONNAUGHT HOUSE HOTEL.
Dated 24th October, 1908. 1476

DANCING! DANCING!! DANCING!!!

MR. J. H. PIDGEON begs to announce the Public that he will RESUME his Dancing Class on the 15th inst.

For Terms and Particulars of Application to No. 8, PEDDER'S HILL.
Hongkong, 15th October, 1908. 1428

HONGKONG ST. ANDREW'S SOCIETY.

ST. ANDREW'S BALL, November 30th, 1908, and THREE PRACTICE DANCES, on WEDNESDAY, 11th, 18th and 25th November, from 5 to 7 p.m.

Scotsmen desiring to subscribe to the above are requested to forward their names to the undersigned.

DAVID WOOD, Hon. Secretary.
Hongkong, 5th October, 1908. 1399

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP CO., LTD.

VISIT OF THE UNITED STATES' FLEET TO AMOY.

IF sufficient indentment offers, the Company will despatch A STEAMER DIRECT to Amoy on or about TUESDAY, 27th instant, to lay over at Amoy during the stay of the Fleet (about 7 to 8 days).

For terms inclusive of passage and living on board apply to

DOUGLAS, LARSEN & CO., General Managers.

Hongkong, 23rd October, 1908. 1488

MINISTERING CHILDREN'S LEAGUE.

A BAZAAR and FANCY PÊTE promoted by the above will be held by kind permission of the Commandant and Officers Hongkong Volunteer Corps on the VOLUNTARY PARADE GROUND on SATURDAY, October 31st, from 2.30 to 6 p.m.

Proceeds to be divided amongst various local charities for children.

Head Quarters, No Chits taken.
Hongkong, 22nd October, 1908. 1463

SINGON & CO.

IRON, STEEL, METAL and HARDWARE MERCHANTS. Wholesale and Retail Ironmongers, Pig Iron and Foundry Coke Importers. General Storekeepers and Shipchandlers. 35 & 37, HING LOON STREET, (2nd Street, west of Central Market) Telephone No. 515.

PUBLIC COMPANIES

WILLIAM POWELL LIMITED.

THE SEVENTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of Shareholders in the above Company will be held at the Company's Office, Alexandra Buildings, Des Voeux Road, Hongkong, on SATURDAY, the 31st October, 1908, at 12 o'clock NOON, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and Statement of Accounts to 31st July, 1908. The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 26th to the 31st October, 1908, both days inclusive.

By Order,
HARRY EYRE, Manager.

Hongkong, 23rd October, 1908. 1470

GREEN ISLAND CEMENT CO., LTD.

LOST SHARE CERTIFICATES.

No. 6473—297889/297888—18 Shares in name of LI LUM.

No. 6476—298187/298186—68 Shares in name of LI MAN HING.

No. 6177—298353/298352—100 Shares in name of LI LUM and LI KIN TONG.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that DUPLICATES of the above CERTIFICATES will be issued one month hence, and the Original Certificates unless produced at the Office of the General Managers within that period, will be held by the Company as null and void.

SHEWAN TOMES & CO., General Managers.

Hongkong, 16th October, 1908. 1440

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JUNIOR CLERK.

Apply to—
Care of "Daily Press" Office.

Hongkong, 20th October, 1908. 1456

WANTED.

ON Lower Levels from about 1st December, well FURNISHED HOUSE of 5 or 6 Rooms.

Apply to—
LINSTED & DAVIS.

Hongkong, 24th September, 1908. 1350

FOR SALE

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TWO EUROPEAN LIGHTERS.

Apply to—
SECRETARY.

Hongkong & Kowloon Wharf & Godown Co., Ltd.

Hongkong, 23rd October, 1908. 1471

FOR SALE.

A FIVE ROOMED HOUSE, No. 115, The Peak. With possession from 1st May, 1909.

Apply to—
H. W. SLADE.

Hongkong, 13th October, 1908. 1422

CHINA EXPRESS CO., 3, DUNDRELL STREET.

FOR SALE A Quantity of NETTING for TENNIS COURTS, etc., at less than half cost.

GOREZ-ANGSCHUTZ FOCAL PLANE CAMERA, PHOTO MATERIALS, DISHES and CHEMICALS.

Hongkong, 5th August, 1908. 1050

NOTICE.

LADIES, YOUR KIND ATTENTION, PLEASE!

HOOSAIN-ALI & Co., beg to announce another GREAT CLEARANCE SALE

ONE MONTH ONLY.

SUMMER AUTUMN and WINTER GOODS.

All at BED ROCK PRICES.

Don't miss this opportunity.

HOOSAIN-ALI & Co., No. 14, Queen's Road, Central.

Hongkong, 1st October, 1908. 651

A LING & CO., 12, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL.

FURNITURE and PHOTO GOODS STORE.

Photographic Goods of every Description in Stock.

Developing and Printing Undertaken.

Hongkong, 31st July, 1907. 1448

A TACK & CO., 25, DES VOEUX ROAD, CENTRAL.

JUST LANDED

A LARGE ASSORTMENT OF KODAK FILMS and ACCESSORIES.

DEVELOPING and PRINTING UNDERTAKEN.

Hongkong, 10th September, 1908. 81

SANG MOW, BATTAN and GRASS FURNITURE MAKER.

CHAIRS, TABLES, SETTERS and LONG CHAIRS.

BAMBOO BLINDS, MATTINGS in all colours on Sale.

All Orders receive prompt attention.

58A, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, HONGKONG.

Hongkong, 20th February, 1908. 401

AUCTIONS

PUBLIC AUCTIONS.

THE Undersigned has received instructions from MR. A. N. HUIKE, to Sell by Public Auction, TO-MORROW (TUESDAY), the 27th October, 1908, commencing 2.45 p.m., at his Residence, No. 1, GOMES VILLAS, Kowloon.

VALUABLE HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE.

PLUSH COVERED ARMCHAIRS, CHESTERFIELD COUCH, JAPANESE LACQUERED SCREEN INLaid WITH IVORY, BRASS FENDER and FIRE BRASSES, HAND-PAINTED ENGRAVINGS, CANTON BLACKWOOD JARDINIERES, CARPETS, &c., &c. EXTENSION DINING TABLE, MOROCCO COVERED DINING CHAIRS, TEAK SIDEBOARD with BEVELLED MIRROR, FIRE SCREENS, MARBLE MANTEL CLOCK, &c., &c. and BRASS and BRASS MOUNTED BEDSTEADS, DOUBLE and SINGLE WARDROBES, with BEVELLED MIRRORS, TEAK BUREAU with BEVELLED MIRRORS, MARBLE TOP WASHBASINS with TILED BACKS, CAMPHORWOOD CHEST-OF-DRAWERS, WRITING TABLES, TOILET SETS, &c., &c. ELECTRO-PLATED WARE, CROCKERY and GLASSWARE, PANTRY and KITCHEN REQUISITES. ALSO

ONE IRON SAFE, A Quantity of POTS and PLANTS.

Terms:—As Customary.

On View from Monday, the 26th Oct., 1908.

GEORGE P. LAMMERT, Auctioneer.

Hongkong, 23rd October, 1908. 1472

BY ORDER OF THE MORTGAGEES.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

MESSEURS HUGHES and HOUGH have received instructions to Sell by Public Auction,

On WEDNESDAY, the 28th day of OCTOBER, 1908, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon, at their Sales Rooms, No. 8, DES VOEUX ROAD, CENTRAL (corner of Ice House Street).

The following very VALUABLE PROPERTY situated at Victoria in the Colony of Hongkong viz:—

All those Two Pieces or Parcels of ground in situ at Victoria aforesaid and registered in the Land Office respectively as MARINE LOT No. 204 and MARINE LOT No. 285, together with the messuages thereon known as Nos. 22, 23, 24, 25 Praya Kennedy Town.

Annual Crown Rent payable in respect of Marine Lot No. 204 \$193, and in respect of Marine Lot No. 285, \$208. Area, Marine Lot No. 204, 16,351 square feet, Marine Lot No. 285, 18,806 square feet or thereabouts.

Each of the above Lots is held for the unexpired residue of the term of 99 years commencing on the 24th day of June, 1837.

For further particulars and conditions of Sale apply to—

JOHNSON, STOKES & MASTER, Solicitors for the Mortgagees or to

MESSEURS HUGHES & HOUGH, Government Auctioneers.

Hongkong, 14th October, 1908. 1435

TO LET

THE ROOMS on the first floor of No. 34, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, (opposite the General Post Office). The Rooms are light, spacious and well ventilated. Very moderate rent. Immediate Possession.

Apply to—
YEE SANG FAT & CO, Same address.

Hongkong, 22nd January, 1907. 270

TO LET.

THE NEUK No. 84, The Peak, fully furnished Bungalow containing FIVE ROOMS, Tennis Court and Excellent Garden. Immediate possession.

Apply to—
PERCY SMITH & SETH, No. 5, Queen's Road Central.

Hongkong, 24th September, 1908. 1279

STORAGE.

FOR COAL, TIMBER, &c.

TO BE LET, a Portion of MARINE LOT No. 385 at NORTH POINT, suitable for above Purpose. EXTENSIVE WATER FRONT. DEEP WATER.

Also

Portion of MARINE LOT No. 31 & 36 on PRAYA EAST. Approximate AREA 43,000 SQUARE FT. 999 YEARS' LEASE.

For Particulars, apply—
GEO. FENWICK & Co., Ltd.

Hongkong, 8th June, 1906. 184

TO LET.

GODOWN, No. 5A, DUNDRELL STREET.

Apply to—
THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT & AGENCY CO., LD.

Hongkong, 1st October, 1908. 823

TO LET.

GODOWN, No. 97, PRAYA EAST.

Apply to—
CHATER & MODY, Victoria Buildings.

Hongkong, 19th October, 1908. 1452

TO LET.

NO. 52, CAINE ROAD.

Apply to—
SAM WANG CO., LTD., 31, Queen's Road Central.

Hongkong, 30th September, 1908. 190

TO LET.

A HOUSE in KNOTSFORD TERRACE KOWLOON.

Apply to—
THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT & AGENCY CO., LD.

Hongkong, 1st October, 1908. 185

TO LET

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NOS. 15, 17, 19 and 21, SEYMOUR ROAD.

Apply to—
COMPRADORE'S DEPARTMENT, Nippon Yusen Kaisha.

Hongkong, 31st July, 1908. 188

TO LET

FROM 1st MAY

KOWLOON MARINE LOT 48, Yau-mai, Area 35,200 square feet and with 255 feet Sea Frontage. Especially suited for Storage of Coal, Timber, &c.

Apply to—
HUMPHREYS ESTATE & FINANCE CO., LTD.

Hongkong, 18th January, 1908. 221

TO LET.

A HOUSE in Wong Nai Chung Road.

A HOUSE in RIFON TERRACE, No. 10, DES VOEUX ROAD CENTRAL, 1st floor.

"HATHERLEIGH," Conduit Road. OFFICES in YORK BUILDING.

GODOWNS in PRAYA EAST. Blum sundries and No. 16B, Des Voeux Road suit to the HONGKONG HOTEL.

FLATS in HONGKONG TERRACE.

Apply to—
THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT & AGENCY CO., LTD.

Hongkong, 1st October, 1908. 86

TO LET.

NO. 3, OBSERVATORY VILLAS, Kowloon, FIVE-ROOMED HOUSE with Electric and Gas Lights. Tennis Court, etc. Moderate Rental.

Apply to—
ARRATON V. APCAR & CO., 45, Wyndham Street.

Hongkong, 26th September, 1908. 1352

TO LET.

"GLENWOOD" CAINE ROAD, suitable for a Boarding house or Club. Containing 26 Rooms.

2, BEACONSFIELD ARCADE, facing the Parade Ground.

CRAIG RYRIE, No. 4, Peak.

C. M. S. PEAK BUNGALOW, Mount Kallet, Furnished. From 1st October, 1908 to 30th June 1909. Rent \$100 a month and taxes.

OFFICES in Bank Buildings, Top Floor. BEACONSFIELD ARCADE, Fine Offices and Dwelling Rooms.

No. 15, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, To Let, (over Goldbeck MacGregor).

OFFICES in Queen's Road Central. BELLIOS TERRACE HOUSES, ROBINSON ROAD.

A GODOWN in Duddell Street. No. 2, DUNDRELL STREET Shop.

No. 2, DES VOEUX VILLAS (PEAK).

Apply to—
LINSTED & DAVIS, 3rd Floor, Alexandra Buildings.

Hongkong, 24th October, 1908. 89

TO LET.

OFFICES and ROOMS on the 1st and 2nd Floors of No. 14, Des Voeux Road Central (formerly occupied by Messrs. SHEWAN TOMES & CO.).

Apply to—
THE COMPRADORE DEPARTMENT, E. D. SASSON & CO., Queen's Road Central.

Hongkong, 10th June, 1908. 947

TO LET.

FIRST FLOOR of No. 6, Queen's Road, Central, comprising Six Large Rooms and Outhouses suitable for business Premises or Dwellings, lately occupied by FRED. BORNEMANN.

Apply to—
DAVID SASSON & Co. Ltd.

Hongkong, 7th April, 1908. 96

TO LET.

OFFICES in ALEXANDRA BUILDINGS.

Apply to—
SECRETARY, A. S. Watson & Co., Limited.

Hongkong, 23rd April, 1907. 91

TO LET.

COAL YARD. Immediate Possession. A PORTION of the COMPOUND of Marine Lot, No. 42, Wan-chai, Praya East.

Apply to—
N. MODY & CO.,

Hongkong, 23rd July, 1908. 1348

TO LET.

ONE OFFICE ROOM, Third Floor, New Praya 2, opposite Murray Pier.

Apply to—
SCHULTZ & CO.

Hongkong, 28th July, 1908. 1013

TO LET.

4 ROOMED HOUSES in Kowloon at Moderate Rentals.

Apply to—
HUMPHREYS ESTATE AND FINANCE CO., LD.

Hongkong, 15th August, 1908. 1372

TO LET.

DERRINGTON, Peak Road, below L.R.C. Tennis Courts. From 1st September a.o. The Property is also FOR SALE.

INSURANCES

AAOEN AND MUNICH FIRE INSURANCE CO. OF AIX-LE-CHAPPELLE.

The Undersigned, having been appointed AGENTS for the above Company, are prepared to ACCEPT RISKS against FIRE at Current Rates.

WM. MEYERINK & CO., Agents.
Hongkong, 5th September, 1903. 114

THE GLORUS INSURANCE COMPANY OF HAMBURG.

The Undersigned, having been appointed AGENTS for the above Company, are prepared to ACCEPT RISKS against FIRE at Current Rates.

CARLOWITZ & Co., Agents.
Hongkong, 18th August 1906 28

NORTH BRITISH AND MERCANTILE INSURANCE COMPANY.

TOTAL FUNDS AT 31st DECEMBER, 1907 £18,114,624.

I. Authorised Capital £3,000,000
Subscribed Capital 2,750,000
Paid-up Capital 687,500 0 0
II. Fire Funds 3,065,374 15 7

The Undersigned, AGENTS for the above Company, are prepared to ACCEPT RISKS against FIRE at Current Rates.

SHEWAN TOMES & CO., Agents.
Hongkong, 21st July, 1901 1019

DR. M. H. CHAUN.

THE latest Method of the AMERICAN SYSTEM OF DENTISTRY.
53, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL.
From the University of Pennsylvania, U.S.A.
Hongkong, 17th April, 1907. 1261

SIEN TING

SURGEON DENTIST.
No. 10, DAUGLASS STREET.

TERMS VERY MODERATE.
Consultation Free.
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ARNHOLD, KARBURG & CO.
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THE HONGKONG ICE COMPANY, LTD.
Have now 40,000 Cubic Feet of Cold Storage available at EAST POINT. Stores will be Open at 10 A.M. and 4 P.M. daily, Sunday excepted, to receive and deliver perishable goods.
G. K. HAXTON, Manager.
Hongkong 1st April, 1903 43

AUTOMATIC BROWNING POCKET PISTOLS.

CALIBRE 7.65 mm.
With CHAMBER for 8 CARTRIDGES
FIRING 8 SHOTS in 2 SECONDS.
SIEMSEN & CO.
Hongkong, 6th March, 1907. 42

AUTOMATIC MAUSER PISTOLS.

CALIBRE 7.65 mm.
With CHAMBER for 10 CARTRIDGES
FIRING 10 SHOTS in 2 SECONDS.
CARLOWITZ & CO. Agents.
Hongkong, 18th March, 1907. 535

NEW CARTRIDGES.

BY Popular English Manufacturers, in all Bore and Sizes.
SMOKELESS POWDER and CHILLED SHOT. From No. 10 to 55SG. at \$5.47 and \$7.50 per 100. SPORTING REQUISITES and AIR GUNS in Variety.
Inspection invited.
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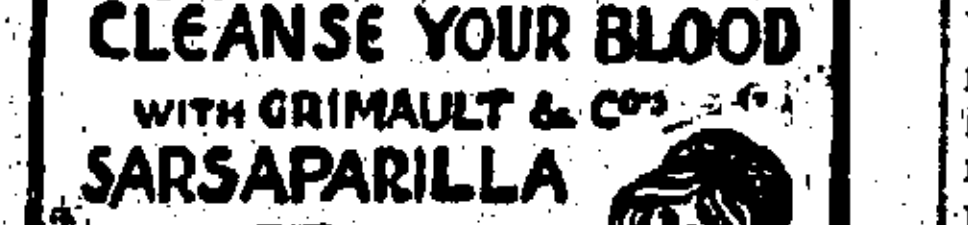


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THE HENRI REGATTA.

THE CHINESE OBJECTION TO THE REGATTA.

The N.C. Daily News of the 20th inst. has the following leader on the subject:—

At a moment when all the preparations for the Henri Regatta have been completed and it remained only to receive the Customs' passes for the passage of the boats and launches up Scotch Creek, a most unfortunate contretemps has occurred. As will be seen from an advertisement in another column, the Shanghai Taotai has received a notification from the officials and gentry of the Quinsan District to the effect that popular feeling locally is against the holding of a regatta on the reach in question, and he has found himself obliged to issue an order requesting "all concerned" to abstain from participating in the proposed Regatta at Henli.

If the matter had been allowed to rest there, no great harm would have been done. It is easy to reconstruct the situation. Some unenlightened official or officials at Quinsan may be still far enough removed from the trend of foreign attitude to imagine that all anti-regatta attitude would be with favour in high quarters. The proposed regatta offers an excellent opportunity to them for gaining notoriety, and a "public meeting" is held. If the officials had wished to organize a fire-work display for the occasion the same gathering would have been collected and any proposal submitted would have received the same measure of support. The proposal in the present instance was to oppose the regatta, and accordingly, the necessary resolution was passed and duly forwarded to the Shanghai Taotai. His Honour Tsai Nai-huang would only be tagging as seven Chinese officials out of ten would be publishing the Quinsan resolution with the recommendation that the people's wishes should be observed. If they were not observed, no responsibility would rest with His Honour, who would have done all he could to carry out those wishes, but was powerless in the face of higher authority. Unfortunately, however, in this instance the Taotai has gone farther, and is withholding for the moment the Customs' passes necessary to enable the boats and launches to proceed to Quinsan, and thus a serious situation is created.

We cannot help thinking that the misunderstanding has arisen in regard to the whole matter. Clearly there is no wish on the part of foreigners in this Settlement to offend Chinese susceptibilities or to do any damage to the land or the waterways. The Quinsan reach is habitually used during the summer by houseboats, rowing boats and yachts, and "Mildred" regattas are held from time to time, and there has been no indication on the part of the country people that they resent the opportunities afforded them of watching the foreigner indulging in his water sports and of selling his local products. The authorities were informed of the Rowing Club's intention to hold the Autumn Regatta at Quinsan and a cordial invitation was issued six weeks ago to all the principal officials. It is true that the reply was unusual in the circumstances, but it was thought that any lack of interest on the part of the officials would be made up for by the eagerness with which the Chinese public look to witness such events. Every care is taken to avoid inconvenience to Chinese boats using the waterway, and during the progress of the regatta steam launches are told off to tow over the course all boats wishing to proceed on their way. Moreover, the railway, under a Chinese Managing Director, enters with the utmost readiness into all this activity at Henli. Special trains are run, and every facility is afforded to the water users up the river. In these circumstances it is impossible to conceive that the abhorrent policy of some unenlightened official at Quinsan would secure the active backing of the Shanghai Taotai, if he were once in possession of the full facts of the case.

The day has gone by in China, at least in the more advanced districts—among which we must surely be able to include the immediate neighbourhood of Shanghai—when the temporary appearance of a group of foreigners for purposes of sport is held to entail any encroachment upon China's sovereign rights. Clearly the responsible position which the Shanghai Taotai holds in relation to foreigners will prevent him from running the risk of incurring the displeasure of his superiors in failing in order to carry favour with some obscure official or gentry in an outlying district. The moment, indeed, for such an attitude is singularly inopportune, when he has for his guests the two highly-placed Imperial Commissioners specially sent by the Throne to superintend the sports and other festivities of the American fleet at Amoy. At the Southern port the Chinese Government is actually spending enormous sums to provide holiday for foreign visitors. Is it likely to countenance such an inconsistent attitude as that which is alleged to find favour at Quinsan? The Settlement may deem itself fortunate to have in its midst at this juncture such efficient representatives of enlightened Chinese officialdom as His Highness Prince Yu Lung and His Excellency Liang Tungyuan. We feel sure that when the position of affairs is brought to their notice a speedy solution of the contretemps will be devised. To-morrow the Yokohama crew will arrive to take part in the Regatta, and it is essential that the necessary Customs' passes should be issued during the day to enable the boats and launches to proceed to the reach. The Consular Body is acting in the matter through the Senior Consul, and we may confidently expect the Regatta to take place without any embitterment of feeling between Chinese and foreigners.

The following day our Northern contemporaries wrote:—

It was with considerable satisfaction that we were able to announce by means of an "Extra" early yesterday morning that the Chinese embargo on the Henri Regatta had been unconditionally removed. For this fortunate ending to what appeared at one time to be rather a serious impasse we have to thank the Senior Consul, who in response to the wishes of H. M. Consul-General interested himself personally in the matter and was able to make a strong appeal to the Shanghai Taotai not to push the incident to extremes. His Honour Tsai Nai-huang, as we ventured to anticipate yesterday, appreciated once the logic of the situation, when the full facts were placed before him, and caused the necessary Customs' passes for the boats and launches to be issued without delay. Accordingly the Regatta can take place on Friday and Saturday without any unpleasant feeling on the part of Chinese or foreigners. It has to be remembered, however, that possibly behind the idea of the Chinese prohibition on the part of the country folk at the prospect of several hundred foreigners attracted to the spot—roaming at large over their fields. For this reason we would appeal to all visitors to Henli Regatta to abstain as far as possible from offending Chinese susceptibilities and from inflicting any loss upon the people arising from damage to local property. Next year the Rowing Club should see to it that the sanction of the Taotai and of the District officials for the holding of the Regatta is asked as a matter of courtesy, before any arrangements are made for the event. We may have technical rights on our side to hold a regatta in Quinsan's reach, but if the Chinese from lack of enlightenment or for any other reason do not appreciate public sports as much as foreigners appreciate them, the way to overcome their scruples is to begin by conforming to the strict rules of international etiquette.

SHARE REPORT.

Messrs. Erich Georg & Co. in their weekly share list dated the 24th inst. say:—Hardly any business at all has been transacted during the week under review, and the market closes very quiet, although prices for most stocks are steady enough. The sterling demand rate of exchange on London closes at 1s. 9 1/2 d., while rates on Shanghai are 1s. 7 1/2 d. for a Bank T/T, and 1s. 7 1/4 d. for a three days' sight Private Bill. The rate in Shanghai on this for a three days' sight Private Bill being 1s. 7 1/4 d. Bankers' in London is quoted 23 1/2 d., and Consols 84 1/2 d.; The Bank of England rate of discount remains 2 1/2 per cent., while the private market rate of discount is 2 per cent.

BANK SHARES.—A few small lots of Hongkong and Shanghai Bank sold at \$90; at which figure the market is fairly steady; London quotes \$80. Nationals are unchanged.

MARINE INSURANCE SHARES.—Union sold at \$785. North China are in demand at 1s. 33, or the dividend of 7 1/2 d. per share paid in Shanghai on 21st inst. Yangtze are unchanged. Cantons are nominal at 1s. 68 or the dividend of 3 1/4 d. per share paid to-day.

FRUIT INSURANCE SHARES.—A small lot of Hongkong Fruit sold at \$6 and one placed now at \$7.

SHIPING SHARES.—Nothing has been done in shares under this heading, and rates are unchanged.

REVENUE.—China Sugars have been placed at \$115, at which figure shares might be had. Luxons are for sale at \$32.

MINING SHARES.—Charbonnages are unchanged. Raube sold at \$63, and are held now at \$67. Chinese Engineering and Mining shares are offering at 1s. 15.

DOCK, WHARVES, GODOWNS, &c.—Hongkong and Whampoa Dock sold, but have further sellers at \$3. Fairbanks are offering at \$12. New Amoy Docks can be placed at \$9. Shanghai Docks are quiet at 1s. 81. Hongkong and Kowloon Wharves sold at \$94 and \$40, and can be had at the lower rate, Shanghai and Hongkong Wharves have buyers at 1s. 153 in the north.

LAND, HOTELS AND BUILDINGS.—A small lot of Hongkong Land sold at \$94, but more shares are for sale. Shanghai Land is quoted 1s. 116. In other stocks under this heading there are no changes in rates to report and no sales.

COTTON MILLS.—Shanghai quotes: Erco 1s. 65, Interactions' 1s. 69, Lyon Knug Mow's 1s. 75, and Sooyehoes 1s. 240. Hongkong Cottons are offering at \$104, while there are buyers at \$10.

GUINNESS MANUFACTURING COMPANIES.—China Light and Power have dropped to sellers at \$53; Hongkong Electric are on offer at \$183; Dairy Farms are quiet at \$34; Cement are sold and have sellers at \$10. Irons are on the market at \$335, and Ropes at the reduced price of \$34. Other stocks under this heading are unchanged and without sales.

MISCELLANEOUS.—China Providents have been done at \$93 and \$94, closing with further buyers at \$94. Langkai's have buyers at 1s. 37 1/2. Shuen Lung are for sale at \$5 ex the dividend of 40 cents per share paid on the 18th inst. Watkins are on offer at \$23, and Wm. Powell at \$5. In other stocks under this heading there is no change to report.

KULANGSU (AMOI) MUNICIPAL COUNCIL.

Minutes of a meeting of the Council, held at the Board Room, on the 6th October 1903. Present:—Messrs. W. H. Wallace (Chairman), A. C. V. Bowen, W. Kruse, S. Okuyama, W. Wilson and the Secretary (C. Berkeley Mitchell).

LICENSING CHAIR COOLIES.
On the motion of Mr. KRUSE, it was decided to frame a scheme for licensing and registering chair coolies, chairs and chair coolies.

POLICE REPORT.
The SUPERINTENDENT OF POLICE reported that the following cases had been dealt with at the Mixed Court since the last meeting:—Sammon; Allowing pigs and cattle to stray 4; obstructing the public drain 3; breach of bye-law 15 (disorderly house) 2; breach of agreement 1. Summary Arrests, Breach of new opium regulations 3; being on enclosed premises for an unlawful purpose 1; contempt of Court 1.

LATEST STEAMER MOVEMENTS.

The C. & M. str. *Rubi* left Manila on the 24th inst. and is due here to-day at 6 p.m.
The N.Y.K. str. *Yamato Maru* (Australian Line) left Manila on the 24th inst., and is expected here to-day.

The N.Y.K. str. *Kumano Maru* (Australian Line) left Nagasaki on the 23rd inst., and is expected here to-morrow.

The G.P.R. str. *Empress of Japan* arrived Nagasaki at 7 a.m. on Saturday the 24th inst., and left again at 5 p.m. same day for Shanghai where she is due to arrive at 2 a.m. on Monday the 26th inst.

The P.M. str. *Korea* with the American Mail from San Francisco of the 6th inst. will sail from Yokohama on the 25th and will be due to arrive in Hongkong on the 3rd prox.

The I.G.M. str. *Manila*, left Sydney Tuesday, the 20th inst., and may be expected here on or about Wednesday, the 11th prox.

The I.G.M. str. *Pr. de Eilat Friedrick*, which left here on Wednesday, the 23rd September, has arrived at Genoa on Wednesday, the 21st instant at 6 a.m.

THE NORTH CHINA INSURANCE CO., LD.

The fifth ordinary general meeting of shareholders of the North China Insurance Co., Ltd. was held in the Company's offices No. 10, The Bond, Shanghai, on the 20th inst. Mr. J. N. Jameson (Chairman) presided and there were present: Messrs H. de Grey, A. H. H. H. R. Kinnear, W. D. Little, W. H. Myerink (Directors); H. G. Simms (Secretary) and A. Molood, J. M. Young, J. Samson, H. A. J. Maoray, C. W. Wrightson, W. S. Jackson, A. C. Hunter, J. Prentiss, R. H. Beauchamp, and C. Sang (shareholders), representing 842 shares.

The Chairman said: Gentlemen, As the report and accounts for the past year have been with you for more than a fortnight we will with your permission take them as read. The business for our consideration at this meeting is the passing of the report and accounts, the declaration of a final dividend and bonus to contributors, to place (i.e. 50,000) out of the profits for the year to fill reserve, and to transfer the balance of working account to under-writing reserves account, closing the account for 1907. We are now having times of keen competition, deplorably low insurance rates, and depression in trade and shareholders will rightly expect a word from the Directors concerning the affairs of the Company. I am glad to say your Directors have no "disheartening" word to utter, for they are justly hopeful that with the return to normal activity in trade the earnings will quicken and increase. As the conduct of your affairs there is no change in the policy of the administration; that policy is progress by careful and conservative methods. In bringing forward plans for 1908 for remodelling the North China Insurance Company the aims the Directors have in view were the constant building up of reserve funds, and increased returns to shareholders and contributors. The wisdom of the shareholders in confirming these suggestions of the Directors has been fully confirmed. For the last four years you have received fifteen per cent. dividend where previously you had eight per cent. and by a glance at the accounts you will see how steadily your reserves have increased until they are now more than three times the paid-up capital of your Company. You will also notice that you have first class investments amounting to 1s. 2,000,000 to give confidence and satisfaction to our policyholders. Before putting the final resolution to the meeting I will be pleased to give any further information that may be required.

No questions were asked and the following resolutions were put to the meeting and carried unanimously:—

Proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Mr. W. D. Little. That the reports and accounts as now presented be accepted and passed.

Proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Mr. H. R. Kinnear. That a final dividend of 7 1/2 per cent. on the paid-up capital, and a bonus of 15 per cent. on contributory premium be distributed, both payable at the exchange, 2 1/4 d. per cent. 1s. 50,000 to be transferred to silver reserve fund, and the balance to be transferred to under-writing reserve account, closing the account for 1907.

Proposed by Mr. J. M. Young, seconded by Mr. C. W. Wrightson that Messrs. Jameson, De Grey, H. de Grey, Kinnear, Little, and Myerink be re-elected Directors of the Company, and that the remuneration of the Directors be Twelve 6,000 per annum.

Proposed by Mr. H. A. J. Maoray, seconded by Mr. A. C. Hunter. That Messrs. Wingrove and Hayter be re-elected auditors of the Company.

The Chairman thanked the shareholders for their attendance and said that dividend warrants would be issued next day. The meeting then ended.

JAPAN'S WELCOME TO THE AMERICAN FLEET.

The Tokyo correspondent of the N.C. Daily News telegraphed:—

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YOKOHAMA and SHANGHAI	YAWATA MARU Capt. T. S. S. S. S., Tons 3817	FRIDAY, 27th Nov., at Noon
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YOKOHAMA and SHANGHAI	YAWATA MARU Capt. T. S. S. S. S., Tons 3817	WED., 28th Oct., at Daylight
YOKOHAMA and SHANGHAI	WAKASA MARU Capt. Y. Nielsen, Tons 6235	SATURDAY, 31st Oct., at Daylight
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ACHILLES, British str., 4,483, R. C. Thompson, 20th Oct.—Fochow 18th Oct., General—Butterfield & Swire.
AYALA, British str., 2,883, W. Hume, 10th Oct.—Sahag 30th September, Kerosine Oil—Standard Oil Co.
BOURBON, French str., 997, Le Bail, 13th Oct.—Saigon 7th Oct., General—Chinese.
CHONGHING, Brit. str., 1,256, V. McClymont, 14th Oct.—Tientsin 14th Oct., General—Jardine, Matheson & Co.
CHUYEN, Chinese str., 1,171, C. Stewart, 20th Oct.—Shanghai 18th October, General—Chinese.
CLARA JENSEN, German str., 1,102, Jacob Binsion, 23rd Oct.—Chefoo 17th October, General—Jensen & Co.
FRIOHONG, Chinese str., 984, Westlands, 23rd Oct.—Shanghai 20th October, General—Chinese.
GLENFARO, British str., 2,350, W. H. L. Holman, 21st Oct.—Shanghai 18th Oct., General—C. P. R. & Co.
GLENGOOL, British str., 2,399, W. J. Larkins, 7th Oct.—Singapore 1st October, General—Chinese.
HOPKING, British str., 1,654, Hay, 17th October—Sourabaya 4th October, Sugar—Jardine, Matheson & Co.
JOSHIN MARU, Japanese str., 705, Kaburaki, 17th October—Swatow 16th Oct., General—Osaka Shosen Kaisha.
KALGAN, British str., 1,143, R. L. Lewis, 22nd Oct.—Newchwang and Chefoo 17th Oct., Beans and General—Butterfield & Swire.
KEONGWAT, German str., 1,100, S. Kohler, 19th Oct.—Bangkok and Swatow 9th Oct., Rice and General—Butterfield & Swire.
KIUKIANG, British str., 1,223, H. A. Wavell, 22nd October—Amoy 20th Oct., General—Butterfield & Swire.
KONSHING, German str., 1,292, C. Rosafsky, 20th Oct.—Bangkok 12th October, Rice—Butterfield & Swire.
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